of PSUs are detailed on page 121 of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1993-94, laid in the parliament in the Budget Session 1995 (statement).

Statement

Steps Taken for Performance Improvement

15.1 Government and the public sector managements are continuing their efforts to improve the performance of public enterprises. Some of the steps taken in this regard are mentioned below:—

- Signing of MOUs with almost all public enterprises except those which are sick or of insignificant size.
- Periodic performance review meetings of public enterprises by the administrative Ministries.
- Delegation of more powers to Board of Directors, especially of MOU signing companies
- Professionalisation of Board of Directors
- Disinvestment of shares of selected PSUs
- Reference of sick companies to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)
- Reduction of surplus manpower through voluntary retirement scheme (VRS)
- Human Resources Development
- Diversification of product-mix
- Technology upgradation, research & development
- Improved maintenance management practices
- Greater emphasis on energy conservation
- Provision of captive power plants
- Export promotion

Financing Area Development Programme

1276. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank and Asian Development Bank have suggested that Strates be fully involved in the preparation of Area Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the conditions laid down by the World Bank for financing Area Development Programme; and

(c) the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI-PROSAD PAL): (a) to (c) There are no area development programmes in the country which are financed by Asian Development Bank. However, the World Bank is financing integrated Agriculture Development Projects in some States such as Rajasthan, Assam, Bihar and Tamil Nadu covering activities in areas of agriculture and lives stock development, horticulture and rural roads. The State Governments are fully involved in the preparation and implementation of these project. The terms and conditions applicable for these projects are the standard concessional terms of International Development Association, *Viz.* interest rate of zero per cent, service charges at 0.75 per cent and commitment charge of 0.5 per cent.

Directions of Funding to Small Scale Units

1277. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the direction issued by Government to different commercial banks on funding industrial units, particularly the small scale units;

(b) the steps taken by different nationalised commercial banks thereon; and

(c) the specific details thereof?